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~~169-180~~

DURANT

Under Aurelius
Epidemic of major proportions
decimated the population!

167

Plague epidemic at Rome

4th persecution of Christians
under Marcus Aurelius.

St Polycarp, a disciple of St John
& Bishop of Smyrna, suffered
martyrdom at the stake in the
86th yr of his life. The persecution
was terrible in Lyons & Vienne,
France where St. Pothinus, first
Bishop of Lyons, and Blandina

a heroic young slave never martyred

167-177

the soldiers returning from the east also brought the PLAGUE.

Devastating effect in 167. Rome was especially badly affected.

It was the 1st outbreak in several centuries. It was still raging over Rome 10 years later, recurring in the reign of COMMODUS

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167 AD 169 AD 189 AD

Roman Empire

Fatal contagious sickness

167-175

Wars of Marcomanni and
Quadi